

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Nguyen and Thanos
 SERIAL NO.: 10/677,977 EXAMINER: Teresa D. Wessendorf
 FILING DATE: October 2, 2003 ART UNIT: 1639
 FOR: Methods of Generating and Screening for Proteases with Altered Specificity

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

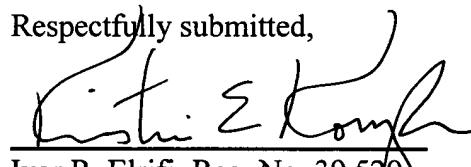
The following papers are enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified application:

1. Amendment and Response to Requirement for Restriction (9 pgs.);
2. Petition for One Month Extension of Time (1 pg.);
3. Check (#19855) in the amount of \$60.00 to cover Petition fee; and
4. Return Postcard.

Although the Applicants believe that no additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Ref. No. 25840-501). If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Dated: January 3, 2005

Respectfully submitted,


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